

# Official Marion County Voter Pamphlet

A Voter's Guide to Local Candidates and Measures  
Special Election • November 7, 2017



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- ★ Ballots for this Election will be mailed to registered voters on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ★ Do Not Forget To Sign Your Return Ballot Envelope.
- ★ Voted ballots must be received in an Elections Office or an Official Oregon Ballot Drop Site by 8:00 p.m., November 7, 2017.

**Remember: Postmark Does Not Count**

**Bill Burgess, Marion County Clerk**  
503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388  
<http://www.co.marion.or.us/co/elections>



**A Message from the Clerk . . .**

Dear Marion County Voter,

The United States Postal Service is offering a new service, Informed Delivery, where you will receive an email with an image of your mail pieces to be delivered that day. With this, you will know when your ballot hits your mail box. To sign up for this new service, go to [www.informedelivery.usps.com](http://www.informedelivery.usps.com).

If you have not received your ballot by October 25, please call us at 503-588-5041. If you wait until after October 31 to return your ballot, please use an official ballot drop site as listed on pages 4 & 5. We have increased our 24/7 ballot drop sites and other extended hours locations for your convenience.

Please be sure we have both your current residential and mailing address. You can check and update this information on-line at [www.oregonvotes.org](http://www.oregonvotes.org). Most prospective voters can also register online by October 17.

This election, you will vote on measures pertaining to your specific district only if you live in the Cities of Salem, Stayton, Silverton, St. Paul, or the North Marion School District. Only county residents living within these jurisdictions will receive a ballot this election.

Please study the statements pertaining to the districts that serve you. Your ballot will contain specific measures based on your residential address.

If you know of someone who, because of a reading impairment or disability, needs voting assistance, please contact us. We offer several options to help people vote privately and independently. Some options are listed on page 6. We also offer large print and tactile ballots. Independent Living Resources, 503-232-7411, will mail this voter pamphlet on CD or tape on request. This voter pamphlet is also available in voice and text on our website.

Thank you for helping make democracy work by being informed and voting. Also, you are welcome to come observe our election process. On visiting, you can determine if you would be interested in future election board work.

- October 17           \*       Last day to register to vote.
- October 18       \*       Ballots mailed to voters.
- October 31       \*       Recommended last day to mail ballot for USPS delivery by Election Day.
- November 7      \*       Last day to return ballot by drop box (before 8 PM).
- November 21     \*       Last day to resolve a missing or non-matching signature.

Sincerely,

Bill Burgess, Marion County Clerk

Website: <http://www.co.marion.or.us/CO/elections>

## How to Contact the Marion County Clerk - Elections Department



**Marion County**  
OREGON



**In Person:** 555 Court St NE, Suite 2130 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Salem, OR 97301

**By Mail:** PO Box 14500  
Salem, OR 97309

**By Phone:** 503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388

**By TTY:** (Deaf or Hearing Impaired device required)  
503.588.5610

**By Fax:** 503.588.5383

**By E-Mail:** [elections@co.marion.or.us](mailto:elections@co.marion.or.us)

**Website:** [www.co.marion.or.us/co/elections](http://www.co.marion.or.us/co/elections)

**Office Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday**  
**Election Day, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**



If you need a **Replacement Ballot**, assistance with voting or if you would just like to **observe** and see **Democracy in action**, come see us at the Clerk's Office!

## Official Marion County Ballot Drop Sites

**The Marion County drop sites listed below will be open beginning October 18<sup>th</sup>.  
On Election Day, November 7<sup>th</sup>, drop sites will remain open until 8:00 PM.**

### Salem

<p><b>Marion County Clerk</b> 555 Court St NE, Ste 2130, Salem <i>Election Day, November 7<sup>th</sup></i></p>	<p><b>Mon - Fri</b> 8:30 AM - 5 PM 7 AM - 8 PM</p>	<p><b>Roth's Fresh Market - Hayesville</b> <b>Everyday</b> 4746 Portland Rd NE, Salem 6 AM - 10 PM</p>
<p><b>Marion County Health</b> 3180 Center St NE, Salem</p>	<p><b>Curbside Dropbox</b> 24 Hours</p>	<p><b>Marion County Public Works</b> <b>Curbside Dropbox</b> 5155 Silverton Rd NE, Salem 8 AM - 5 PM</p>
<p><b>Roth's Fresh Market - Vista</b> 3045 Commercial St SE, Salem</p>	<p><b>Everyday</b> 6 AM - 10 PM</p>	<p><b>DMV - Sunnyslope Shopping Center</b> <b>Mon - Fri*</b> 4555 Liberty Rd S, Ste 300, Salem 8 AM - 5 PM <b>*Wed: 9 AM - 5 PM</b></p>

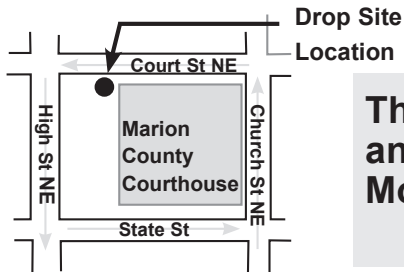
### North & Central County

<p><b>Donald City Hall</b> 10710 Main St NE, Donald</p>	<p><b>Mon - Thur</b> 8 AM - 4 PM <b>Fri: 8 AM - Noon</b></p>	<p><b>Silverton Lewis St. Parking Lot</b> <b>Curbside Dropbox</b> Lewis St &amp; S 1<sup>st</sup> St, Silverton 24 Hours</p>
<p><b>Hubbard City Hall</b> 3720 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Hubbard</p>	<p><b>Mon - Thur</b> 7 AM - 5:30 PM <i>Closed Fridays</i></p>	<p><b>U.S. Bank - St. Paul</b> <b>Mon-Wed: 12 PM - 4 PM</b> 20259 Main St NE, St. Paul <b>Thur &amp; Fri: 12 PM - 6 PM</b></p>

### South East County

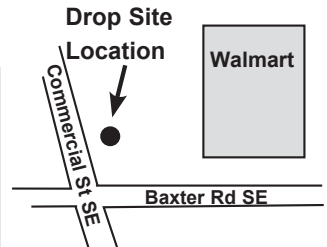
<p><b>Stayton Public Library</b> 515 N First St, Stayton</p>	<p><b>Mon - Thur: 10 AM - 7 PM</b> <b>Fri: 10 AM - 5:30 PM</b> <b>Sat: 10 AM - 4 PM</b></p>
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**You DO NOT need to apply postage if you use an Official Marion County Drop Box.  
Ballots for Marion County voters will only be issued from the Clerk's Office,  
555 Court St NE, Suite 2130 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), Salem.**



**Marion County Courthouse**  
500 Block Court Street NE, north side of the Courthouse  
Salem

**These two Marion County Drive-Thru  
and Park & Drop sites will only be open  
Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday,  
November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 AM to 8 PM.**



**Walmart Parking Lot**  
5250 Commercial St SE  
Salem



The Marion County Clerk is offering a program to voters in Marion County that allows them to track the status of their ballot through automated notifications.

Participating voters have the option of receiving text, email, or voice alerts at several points on their ballot's journey.

If you have any questions about this service, please call the Marion County Clerk's Office at 503-588-5041.

**Sign up today to begin receiving messages: <https://marioncountyclerk.i3ballot.net/voter/login#/>**

Official Marion County Curbside Ballot Drop Sites

The Marion County Curbside Ballot Drop Boxes will be open beginning October 18<sup>th</sup>.

The drop boxes will remain open during their posted hours until 8 PM, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

City of Silverton  
Lewis St. Parking Lot  
208 Lewis St  
Silverton

**Open 24 Hours**

Marion County Public Works  
5155 Silverton Rd NE  
Salem

**Open Mon-Fri 8 AM - 5 PM**

Marion County Health Building  
3180 Center St NE  
Salem

**Open 24 Hours**

*Remember to...  
Sign  
Your  
Ballot  
Envelope!*

**SIGN HERE**

VOTER'S STATEMENT

BY SIGNING I CERTIFY THAT:

- I am the person to whom this ballot was issued;
- I am legally qualified to vote in the county that issued this ballot;
- I voted my ballot and (did not unnecessarily show it to anyone);
- This is the only ballot I have voted this election;
- I still live where I am registered to vote at:  
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE

*George Washington*

Signature of Voter GEORGE WASHINGTON



## Voters with Disabilities Information

### Alternate Format Ballot

The Alternate Format Ballot (**AFB**) is a voting tool that is available to voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently if they have access to a computer with a web browser and a printer.

Call 503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388 or TTY/TDD 503.588.5610 for more information.

### ★ Accessible Computer Stations

To accommodate voters with disabilities that do not have access to the required technology to vote the AFB, we have an Accessible Computer Station (ACS).

Please bring the ballot packet you received through the mail with you when using the ACS at the county site.

The ACS is available at:

Marion County Clerk's Office, 555 Court St NE, Suite 2130, Salem.

***Conveniently accessible to bus service as we are located on the same block as the Downtown Transit Center (Courthouse Square) in Salem.***

To avoid delays, please call in advance: 503.588.5041.

### Voting Assistance

Any voter can request assistance from the County Clerk's Office for help with marking a ballot. Call 503.588.5041, 1.800.655.5388 or TTY/TDD 503.588.5610 to request assistance.

### Marion County Voter Pamphlet

This voter pamphlet is available in a downloadable audio format. Go to our website, [www.co.marion.or.us/co/elections](http://www.co.marion.or.us/co/elections) to download the files. You may also contact Independent Living Resources to obtain the Audio voter pamphlet on CD or tape. Call 1.503.232.7411 to request the voter pamphlet in this media version.

If you have questions about registration or voting, contact the Clerk's Office:

555 Court St NE, Suite 2130, Salem

Phone 503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388 (TTY/TDD line at 503.588.5610)

Fax 503.588.5383 • E-mail: [elections@co.marion.or.us](mailto:elections@co.marion.or.us)

Website: [www.co.marion.or.us/co/elections](http://www.co.marion.or.us/co/elections)



# Voting Instructions

## **Review the Ballot Packet**

It should contain at least the following items:

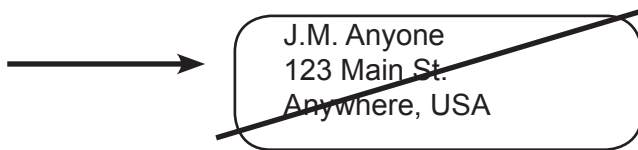
- Printed ballot
- A pre-addressed return envelope
- Secrecy sleeve
- Insert for Ballot Drop Sites and Track Your Ballot

If any items are missing,  
contact Marion County Clerk - Elections.

## **Important Ballot Information:**

If a ballot has been delivered to your address and it is addressed to someone who does not live at your address:

1. Mark through the address like this:



2. Return to your mailbox, post office or letter carrier.

## **Notify Marion County Clerk's Office Before Voting The Ballot Delivered To You If:**

- Your name is different than that on the label; or
- Your residence address has changed; or
- You have added, deleted or changed a mailing address.

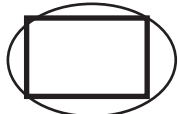
## **To make sure your vote counts:**

- Use a **black or blue ink pen**.
- Completely fill in the box to the left of your choice.
- To vote on a measure, complete the box next to either the "Yes" or "No",

**LIKE THIS:**



**NOT THIS:**

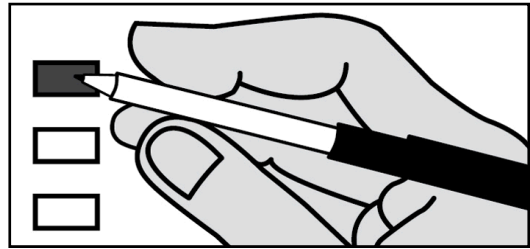


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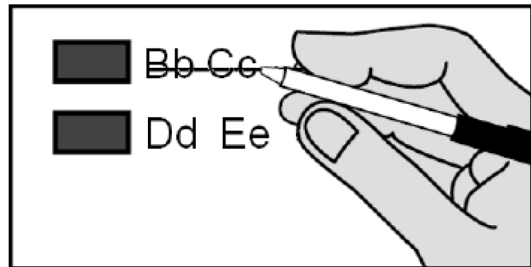
## **To Vote:**

Use a black or blue ink pen to completely fill in the box to the left of your choice.



## **To Correct a Mistake:**

Draw a line through the entire measure response. You then have the option of making another choice.



***Important to Remember: Your Return Envelope must be Received by 8 PM Election Night and Signed or your Ballot will not be Counted.***

## **Recycle Everyday Things!**

When you are finished with this voter pamphlet please recycle it.



***Thank You***

# SAMPLE BALLOT • November 7, 2017 • Special Election

This sample ballot is a composite of all measures appearing on ballots in Marion County.

**Not all voters will vote on every measure.**

**Remember: All ballots will be mailed October 18<sup>th</sup>.**

## City of Silverton

**24-422**

*Referred to the People by the City Council*

**Authorize \$0.02 per gallon motor vehicle fuel business license tax.**

**Question:** Shall City establish a motor vehicle fuel business license tax of \$0.02 per gallon?

## City of Silverton

**24-424**

*Referred to the People by the City Council*

**Five-year Operating Levy for Swimming Pool Operations and Maintenance**

**Question:** Shall Silverton impose a tax of \$275,000 annually for five years for swimming pool operations and maintenance beginning in 2018-2019? This measure renews current local option taxes.

## North Marion School District

**24-426**

*Referred to the People by the District Board*

**Bonds to Upgrade and Expand School Facilities, Improve Safety**

**Question:** Shall North Marion School District issue \$42,200,000 in bonds to upgrade, expand and remodel facilities and receive \$4,000,000 state grant? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

## City of Salem

**24-423**

*Referred to the People by the City Council*

**City of Salem Library Improvements General Obligation Bond Authorization**

**Question:** Shall City issue up to \$18,600,000 in general obligation bonds for earthquake safety and building systems improvements to the Library?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

## City of Stayton

**24-425**

*Referred to the People by the City Council*

**Measure adopting a revised Charter for the City of Stayton.**

**Question:** Shall the proposed 2018 City of Stayton Charter be adopted?

## City of St. Paul

**24-427**

*Referred to the People by the City Council*

**Renewal of Current Three-Year Local Option Tax for City Operations**

**Question:** Shall City continue imposing current \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes for additional three years beginning 2018-2019? This measure renews current local option taxes.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## ***What If I...?***

### **What if I make a mistake on my ballot?**

If you make a mistake, draw a line through the entire measure response or candidate's name. You then can make another choice if desired. See voting instructions on page 7.

### **What if I change my mind after I turn in my ballot?**

Your ballot has been cast as soon as you deposit it in the mail or at a ballot drop site. After that, you cannot receive a new ballot.

### **What if I don't vote on everything on the ballot?**

Your ballot will be counted.

### **What if I don't sign my return envelope?**

You will be notified by mail to come in and sign your ballot by November 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **What if I don't receive my ballot?**

If you are a registered voter and don't receive your ballot within seven days after they are mailed out, call or email the Marion County Clerk/Elections Office at:

503-588-5041

1-800-655-5388

TTY/TDD 503-588-5610

**E-mail:** [elections@co.marion.or.us](mailto:elections@co.marion.or.us)

## ***Can I Vote?***

### **You are eligible to register and vote if:**

- You are an Oregon resident.
- You are a U.S. citizen or will be a U.S. citizen before Election Day.
- You are 18 years old by Election Day.
- New registrations must be completed and postmarked by October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### **You need to update your registration if:**

- You move or change your mailing address.
- You change your name.
- You wish to change your party affiliation.

### **What if I've moved?**

If you are currently registered to vote in Marion County but have moved within the county, you will need to update your registration by providing your current address(es) to the Elections Office in writing and requesting that a ballot be mailed.

### **From another Oregon County?**

If you have been registered in another county in Oregon, but have moved to Marion County, you may still register and be eligible to vote a Marion County ballot.

Voter registration forms are available at:

- All Election Offices, State or County.
- U.S. post offices, public libraries, Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles offices, or [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov) where on-line voter registration is available.

**Measure No. 24-422**  
**City of Silverton**

*Referred to the People by the City Council*

**Authorize \$0.02 per gallon motor vehicle fuel business license tax.**

**Question:** Shall City establish a motor vehicle fuel business license tax of \$0.02 per gallon?

**Summary:** Ordinance No. 17-09 creates a \$0.02 per gallon tax on all motor vehicle fuel sold within the City that will be paid on a monthly basis by motor vehicle fuel dealers. The anticipated annual revenue from the tax would be used only for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, operation, and use of public highways, roads, and streets in the City.

“Yes” vote would approve the \$0.02 per gallon tax on motor vehicle fuel sold within the City.

“No” vote would reject the \$0.02 per gallon tax on motor vehicle fuel sold within the City.

Projects that could be potentially funded by the tax include:

- McClaine Street Reconstruction Project
- Overlay of downtown city owned streets
- Slurry sealing or overlay of neighborhood streets

Under state law any increases to such taxes must be approved by the voters.

**Measure No. 24-422**  
**City of Silverton**

**Explanatory Statement:**

Ordinance No. 17-09 creates a \$0.02 per gallon tax on motor vehicle fuel (gas or diesel) sold, used or distributed in the City which will be paid on a monthly basis by motor vehicle fuel dealers. The money has to be used solely for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, operation, and use of public highways, roads, and streets in the City as allowed by state law. Ordinance No. 17-09, adopted by the Council in June 2017 is expected to generate about \$173,000 annually for these purposes. The tax is paid by motor vehicle fuel dealers on all motor vehicle fuel sold, used, or distributed in the City regardless of whether it is purchased by a resident or nonresident.

**Why is Ordinance No. 17-09 on the ballot?**

Any motor vehicle fuel tax adopted by the City Council must be referred to and approved by the voters before it can be enacted under state law.

The City Council approved Ordinance No. 17-09 on June 5, 2017; it was then referred to voters for approval. If approved, the Ordinance takes effect January 1, 2018.

**What would be done with the funds raised by Ordinance No. 17-09?**

The money collected from the tax stays with the City. The tax funds must be used as proscribed by the Oregon Constitution on construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, operation, and use of public highways, roads, and streets in the City. One of the primary goals is to maintain streets including the asphalt and drainage facilities on City streets to avoid full-scale reconstruction of roads. The funds will also be used on reconstruction projects for those roads that cannot be rehabilitated through minor repairs.

The money could also be used as the required City “matching funds” for state or federal grant projects for larger scale projects. Local matches - of up to 50% of the overall project cost for street repair or construction - are required so that the City can then get and use either state or Federal highway funds for city projects.

**Who would pay?**

The tax would be paid by all motor vehicle fuel dealers in the City and applies to all fuel sold, used, or distributed in the City regardless of whether it was purchased by a Silverton resident or not. Because a majority of the traffic that uses Silverton thoroughfares are pass through or visitors, it is very probable non-Silverton residents will pay at least some of the tax.

Christy S. Wurster, City Manager  
City of Silverton

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**No arguments were submitted in favor or in opposition to Measure 24-422**

**Measure No. 24-424**  
**City of Silverton**

*Referred to the People by the City Council*

**Five-year Operating Levy for Swimming Pool Operations and Maintenance**

**Question:** Shall Silverton impose a tax of \$275,000 annually for five years for swimming pool operations and maintenance beginning in 2018-2019? This measure renews current local option taxes.

**Summary:** The City maintains and operates a year-round swimming pool that requires ongoing maintenance for continued operation. Current tax revenues are not adequate to fund the required maintenance and operating costs. The operating and maintenance levy would collect taxes over five years totaling an estimated \$1,375,000. The amount would be levied annually in equal amounts of \$275,000. The taxes would be used to fund necessary major maintenance of the pool and to fund continued year-round operation.

**Explanatory Statement:**

The City of Silverton maintains and operates a year-round swimming pool that requires ongoing maintenance for continued operation. Current tax revenues are not adequate to fund the required maintenance and operating costs. The operating and maintenance levy would collect taxes over five years totaling \$1,375,000, which would be imposed annually in equal amounts of \$275,000. The taxes would be used to fund necessary maintenance of the pool and fund continued operation.

In 2003 the voters of Silverton authorized a 10 year bond for \$1.2 million to complete improvements to the pool, which was originally constructed in 1939. That bond resulted in a new bathhouse, improvements to the pool itself, and the installation of a zero-depth entry on one end. In 2013 the voters of Silverton authorized a five year levy for \$1,375,000 for the operation and

**Measure No. 24-424**  
**City of Silverton**

**Explanatory Statement (Continued):**

maintenance of the pool which was a levy of \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value. That 2013 measure expires June 30, 2018.

This levy would allow for the continued operation and maintenance of the Silverton pool, currently under contract with the Silver Falls Family YMCA. Among other projects, the levy would fund a replacement of the removable cover and additional work recommended by the 2017 Pool Facility Assessment.

The levy would maintain the year-round use of the Silverton Pool for the following (but not limited to):

- Recreation for all Silverton residents and others in the area
- Training facility for the Silverton High School Swim Team
- Training and competition facility for the year-round community swim program
- Swimming Lessons for area youth
- Exercise classes for all ages
- Lap swim use for all ages
- Handicap Access
- Physical Rehabilitation

**How would this operating levy affect property taxes if passed?**

The levy would result in an estimated annual collection of \$0.3659 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or approximately \$73.18 a year for a home with an assessed value of \$200,000, the same as the current levy. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression, and the collection rate.

**What if the Measure fails?**

If the measure fails, the City will be unable to continue year-round operations of the pool. At this time, there are no identified alternatives to fund operation of the pool beyond June of 2018.

Christy S. Wurster, City Manager  
City of Silverton

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**No arguments were submitted in favor or in opposition to Measure 24-424**

**Measure No. 24-423**  
**City of Salem**

*Referred to the People by the City Council*

**City of Salem Library Improvements General  
Obligation Bond Authorization**

**Question:** Shall City issue up to \$18,600,000 in general obligation bonds for earthquake safety and building systems improvements to the Library?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Summary:** If approved, this measure would finance improvements to the Salem Public Library and other capital costs that would:

- Strengthen the Library building and adjacent surface parking lot and parking garage to increase protection for the public and building in the event of a major earthquake,
- Repair or replace Library building systems, including the roof, windows, plumbing, electrical, entryways, shelving, space remodeling, and air conditioning systems,
- Extend the life of the Library for an additional 30 years.
- Any funds remaining would be used to fund other capital costs for the Salem Public Library or the Salem Civic Center campus.

Bonds may be issued in one or more series and each series would mature in 31 years or less from their issuance date. It is estimated that the FY 2018/19 proposed tax would result in a rate of \$0.12 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. For a home assessed at \$200,000, the estimated property tax for the bonds would be \$24 per year or \$2.00 per month.

**Measure No. 24-423**  
**City of Salem**

**Explanatory Statement:**

The City of Salem is proposing improvements to the Salem Public Library to address earthquake safety and building system improvements through the issuance of general obligation bonds to be approved by city of Salem voters ("Project"). The estimated cost for the Project is \$18.6 million.

If the bond measure is approved by the voters, the Project would seismically strengthen the Library and adjacent surface parking lot and parking garage, located on the Salem Civic Center Campus in downtown Salem. In addition, the Project would repair or replace a variety of building systems in the Library, including the roof, windows, heating, shelving, cooling, electrical, plumbing, and accessibility improvements. The improvements would extend the life of the Library for an additional 30 years. Any excess funds after the Project is complete may go toward other capital costs of the Salem Public Library and or the Civic Center campus.

It is estimated that the fiscal year 2018-2019 City tax rate for the bonds would be \$0.12 (12 cents) per \$1,000 of assessed value if the bond measure is approved by voters. For a home assessed at \$200,000, the estimated property tax for the bonds for fiscal year 2018-2019 would be \$24 per year, or \$2.00 per month.

Submitted by:  
Ruth Ann Stellmacher  
City Recorder/Elections Officer  
City of Salem

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**No arguments were submitted in opposition  
to Measure 24-423**

**Measure No. 24-423**  
**City of Salem**

**Argument in Favor:**

**The Salem City Council Urges You to Vote  
YES on Measure 24-423**

Two of our most important responsibilities as elected leaders in Salem are to ensure the safety of our citizens and to maintain our critical infrastructure for future generations.

Measure 24-423 does both.

We put Measure 24-423 on the ballot because an \$18.6 million investment in our 45-year-old main library will prevent it from collapsing in a major earthquake. Our library is one of the busiest in the state. On a typical day 1,600 people visit our library, including many children, families and seniors. Their safety cannot be ignored any longer. It's time to make our library earthquake safe.

Passing Measure 24-423 will also maintain our library by replacing the aging roof, windows, plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems and other building components that are many decades old. By doing this we can extend the life of our library and parking garage for 30 years or more at about a third of the cost of a new library.

And speaking of the cost, we know our City staff has worked hard to make the tax burden of this measure as low as possible. The average homeowner will see their taxes increase by less than \$20 a year.

Voting YES on Measure 24-423 is the right thing to do to protect the lives of library users, volunteers and staff. It's also a smart investment to make to extend the life of our library to serve future generations.

Please join us in supporting Measure 24-423.

Mayor Chuck Bennett  
Councilor Cara Kaser, Ward 1  
Councilor Tom Andersen, Ward 2  
Councilor Brad Nanke, Ward 3  
Councilor Steve McCoid, Ward 4  
Councilor Matt Ausec, Ward 5  
Councilor Chris Hoy, Ward 6  
Councilor Sally Cook, Ward 7  
Councilor Jim Lewis, Ward 8

*(This information furnished by Judy Martin,  
Renew Our Library Committee)*

The printing of this argument does not constitute an endorsement by Marion County, nor does the county warrant the accuracy or truth of any statements made in the argument. Marion County does not correct errors in spelling or grammar.

**Measure No. 24-423**  
**City of Salem**

**Argument in Favor:**

**The League of Women Voters  
Endorses Measure 24-423**

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

One of the public policy issues we have been concerned for years about is our readiness for the next Cascadia subduction zone earthquake. Researchers at Oregon State University have said that there is a one in three chance of a major earthquake striking off the coast of Oregon in the next 50 years. We believe that all levels of government share the responsibility of coordinating, implementing and funding an effective program to mitigate Oregon's earthquake and tsunami hazards.

That is why we support the Salem City Council's action to put a \$18.6 million bond measure on the November 7<sup>th</sup> ballot that would fund a life-safety seismic upgrade of our main library and parking garage.

We understand that on a typical day 1,600 people, including children, families and seniors visit the library. We can no longer ignore the risk of a catastrophe. It's time for voters in Salem to do the right thing for our community.

Therefore, the League of Women Voters of Marion and Polk Counties endorses Measure 24-423 and urges a YES vote on the measure.

Cindy J. Burgess, J.D., President  
League of Women Voters of Marion and Polk Counties

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**Measure No. 24-423**  
**City of Salem**

**Argument in Favor:**

**The Salem Public Library Foundation Asks for Your Support for Measure 24-423**

The last time Salem citizens were asked to pass a bond measure for our library was nearly a half century ago. It was in 1968 that Salem voters approved bonds to build our library as part of the new Civic Center.

Since then the City has made many improvements to our library without having to increase your taxes. Much of that is because of the establishment of the Salem Public Library Foundation, founded in 1981 to raise private funds to improve our library. Since then we have worked with the City to construct a new branch library in West Salem, build the "Teen Scene" space for teens in the main library, and, most recently, we funded the transformation of our children's library on the second floor into one of the best in Oregon. And those are just the major projects we have supported.

But now it's time for everyone to step up to fund the biggest improvement project since our main library opened in 1972. For \$18.6 million we can make our library earthquake safe and we can extend the life of the building for at least another 30 years. This project is far beyond the capacity of the Foundation to fund. After nearly a half century since the last library bond measure, it will be up to all of us to do the right thing and make a smart investment in our library's future.

If the bond measure is successful the Salem Public Library Foundation looks forward to exploring how we can enhance the renewal project in ways large and small by pursuing grants and additional private support.

Please join us in supporting the City's plan to make our library earthquake safe and fully functional for decades to come. Vote YES on Measure 24-423.

Judy Martin, President  
Salem Public Library Foundation

Bob d'Entremont, Past President  
Salem Public Library Foundation

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**Measure No. 24-423**  
**City of Salem**

**Argument in Favor:**

**Support Young Readers by Voting YES  
on Measure 24-423**

Raising two boys here in Salem, I can list countless ways that the Salem Public Library has supported my children's growth and development. I have fond memories of clear backpacks filled with books about frogs, squeals of joy inspired by the opening of the Discovery Room doors, and soft, warm, Read-to-a-Pet Labradors who patiently listened to the whispers of my beginning readers. As the boys have grown, audio books have been our road trip companions, the Summer Reading program continues to be a family tradition, and the Teen Scene has become another resource of endless opportunities.

As a mom and a teacher, I know that greater access to reading material leads to more reading, and more reading leads to greater reading achievement. That means that with twenty-five books spread across my living room floor, my son is sure to find one that catches his eye. Cracking that book and entering that story is his next step in becoming a better reader. Each visit to the library (with its endless supply of materials, programs, and events) is a new opportunity to engage my children (at any age) and support their learning. That is the process of turning a young reader into a master reader.

Families of all incomes and backgrounds in Salem benefit from Library services. Access to literacy, education, and culture provided through the Library ultimately supports lifelong learning for your family, your neighbors, your teacher, your gardener, your dentist, and the stranger you pass on the street. Voting **Yes on Measure 24-423** ensures that our city library is safe and vibrant for future young readers. It maintains this cornerstone of literacy for all in our community. It provides space for young and old to learn, explore, and grow.

Please join me in voting Yes to Renew Our Library.

Angela Obery  
Proud Mom of Two  
Library Supporter  
Educator  
Reader

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**Measure No. 24-423**  
**City of Salem**

**Argument in Favor:**

**A Local Architect Explains Why Renewing Our Library is a Wise Investment**

On November 7<sup>th</sup> voters in Salem will be faced with two choices.

Either we agree to increase our taxes by a relatively small amount to extend the life of our 45-year-old library by 30 years or more, or we reject the bond measure and leave it to our children and grandchildren to have to replace our library at three times the cost.

I worked up a rough estimate of what it would cost in 2017 dollars to build a new library and parking garage to replace what we already have.

- Replacement library: 95,398 square feet x \$446 per square foot = \$42,547,508
- Replacement parking garage: 90,384 square feet x \$100 per square foot = \$9,038,400
- Total = \$51,585,908

So compare this to the amount of the library bond measure: \$18,600,000.

That amount will increase taxes by less than \$25 per year for 80% of Salem homeowners — something most of us can well afford.

Where I come from in the UK we tend not to discard our older buildings. We are frugal and we respect our older buildings. We take care of them and update them when needed.

In the case of our library, why not spend \$18.6 million today to make the library fully functional for decades to come? In my opinion it would be foolish not to do that.

So I sincerely hope that Salem voters will make the right choice on November 7<sup>th</sup> and approve the library bond measure. That would be a wise investment to make.

Geoffrey C. James, A.I.A.

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**Measure No. 24-423**  
**City of Salem**

**Argument in Favor:**

**The Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Asks for Your Vote for the Library Bond Measure**

Since 1968, the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society has served our community by building one of the best family history research collections in Oregon and making it available without charge and with assistance from our dedicated and knowledgeable corps of volunteers.

Coincidentally, 1968 was the last time that we in Salem were asked to pass a bond measure for our Salem Public Library.

Nearly a half century later, is it time once again to ask voters in Salem to step up and support our library, this time with an \$18.6 million measure to renew our library and to make it earthquake safe.

In 2015 we moved our priceless and irreplaceable family history research collection from the State Library to the Salem Public Library where it is now available for public use. If the library were to be seriously damaged or even collapse in an earthquake, our collection that we have been building for nearly a half century could be lost.

Let's do the right thing and after 49 years, vote once again for library bonds that will eliminate the risk to our collection and to all the library collections, not to mention the many hundreds of library users, staff and volunteers (like us!) who are at risk.

Please vote YES for the library bond measure.

Elizabeth D. Tice, President  
Willamette Valley Genealogical Society

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**Measure No. 24-423**  
**City of Salem**

**Argument in Favor:**

**The Friends of the Library Encourage You to Vote YES to Renew Our Library**

The Friends of the Salem Public Library are proud to be the oldest library support group in the city. We began in August of 1965 and soon after held our first book sale and began working with the City Council for better library funding. At that time, Salem's Library was still housed in the old Carnegie Library at State and Winter Streets.

Our "new" Salem Public Library opened in 1972 and the Friends have been a strong presence ever since with our book sales and the Friends Book Store. The money we raise from these efforts supports programs including the library Summer Reading Program, the Discovery Room for children, the Lucky Day collection and the Family Festival of the Arts. Our mission is to stimulate use of the Library's resources and services, to receive and encourage gifts, to promote and encourage the growth and expansion of the Library, and to support and cooperate with the Library in developing services and facilities for the community.

We strongly support Measure 24-423, the library bond measure so that our Library can be made earthquake safe and modernized to meet our community's needs for decades to come.

Please join the Friends of the Library in voting YES on Measure 24-423.

Jeanne Stewart, President  
Friends of the Salem Public Library

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**Measure No. 24-423**  
**City of Salem**

**Argument in Favor:**

**Protect Salem's History — Vote YES on Measure 24-423**

We are local historians who have a great appreciation for the historical collections of the Salem Public Library.

Generations of librarians, with the help of volunteers, have been diligently collecting books, photographs, reports, articles and other historical materials for 105 years, all of which are housed in our main library. Many of these historical materials are irreplaceable. If we were to lose them, we would lose a good portion of the history of Salem.

That's why we were disturbed to learn that a 2014 engineering report commissioned by the city from the Portland firm of BergerABAM concluded that our library may not survive a major earthquake, like a Cascadia subduction zone earthquake. \* Our library, built in the early 1970s has no earthquake reinforcement and may collapse or be severely damaged. Even worse, the report concludes that there is a likelihood of a catastrophic fire following an earthquake, because of inadequate fire suppression systems and gas piping that lacks flexible couplings.

There are many reasons to fund a seismic upgrade of our library. The loss of life could be horrific if the library is open when an earthquake strikes. But as local historians we want to speak for our local history collections that we all have an obligation to preserve and protect for future generations.

Please join us in voting YES for Measure 24-423, the library bond measure.

Virginia Green  
David Gene Lewis  
John Ritter

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**Measure No. 24-423**  
**City of Salem**

**Argument in Favor:**

**Camerata Musica Asks for Your Support  
of the Library Bond Measure**

For the past forty years our organization, Camerata Musica, has presented free chamber music concerts for the Salem community. We would have difficulty offering these quality concerts without charge were it not for the partnership we have enjoyed with the Salem Public Library.

Now we want to return the favor by urging you to support our library by voting YES on Measure 24-423, the library bond measure.

Our partnership with the Library began in 1980, with concerts in the Library's Anderson Room. Since 1991 we have presented our concerts in the Loucks Auditorium with its excellent acoustics and intimate feel that make it superb for use.

The Library staff have always been wonderfully supportive. The Library is a vital community resource not only for our concerts but for so many other events for adults and for children that contribute to the quality of life for Salem residents.

We understand that an engineering study in 2014\* concluded that Loucks Auditorium does not meet seismic safety standards. We need to correct that problem as soon as possible. This bond measure gives us that opportunity.

Please join us in voting YES on Measure 24-423. We look forward to seeing you at a future concert!

George Strubel, President  
Camerata Musica

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**Measure No. 24-423**  
**City of Salem**

**Argument in Favor:**

**Salem Audubon Society Recommends a  
YES Vote on Measure 24-423**

Since 1979 the Salem Audubon Society has worked to connect people to nature through education focused on birds, other wildlife and their habitats, and conservation and restoration of natural ecosystems. To this end, we promote the enjoyment of birds and environmental stewardship with educational programs, birding field trips, and involvement of volunteers in education, advocacy and restoration projects.

We owe much of our success in fulfilling this mission to the Salem Public Library, one of our most valued community partners. We sponsor monthly programs for the public with presentations on topics related to nature in the Loucks Auditorium with its ample seating and excellent accommodations. Over the past year nearly 700 Salem-area residents have attended these free educational events.

The Salem Audubon Society encourages your support of Measure 24-423, which will fund a seismic retrofit of the Salem Public Library and its parking structure.

The Library is a community resource widely used by children, students and adults. The community deserves a seismic-safe place to gather, access books and other media, learn and exchange ideas.

Ray Temple, President  
Salem Audubon Society

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**Measure No. 24-423**  
**City of Salem**

**Argument in Favor:**

**Ukulele Fans of Oregon Say ‘YES’ — Vote for Measure 24-423**

Our group looked for a community partner to help us fulfill our mission: to bring the fun of music to everyone with our favorite instrument, the ukulele. We approached the Salem Public Library and they eagerly partnered with us. They set up a lending program for the ukuleles we donated and gave us space for our monthly jam sessions. They support our ukulele classes and programs for the community that have filled the terrific Loucks Auditorium.

The Salem Public Library is one of the greatest assets in Salem. It celebrates our individual and collective creativity. It offers a collaborative environment that builds friendships and community. We need to do everything possible to support and preserve it. The small annual cost to the average homeowner, about the price of a large pizza, will make our library earthquake safe. It will provide renovations and improvements to preserve the library for decades to come.

The Salem Public Library serves us all and in many ways. The community groups, the students, the general population receive countless benefits from our library.

We need our library and now it needs us.

Please join the Ukulele Fans of Oregon and vote **YES on Measure 24-423**.

Doneille Chomiak, Ukulele Fans of Oregon

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**Measure No. 24-423**  
**City of Salem**

**Argument in Favor:**

**Children’s Educational Theater Supports  
Renewing Our Library**

Since 1974, Children’s Educational Theatre has been enriching kids’ lives through theatre arts, actively engaging the students who learn and thrive in our exciting and educational program.

We benefit immensely from our community partnership with the Salem Public Library. Our annual summer performance in the Library’s Loucks Auditorium to accompany their annual summer reading program is one of six CET productions and a highlight of our season. In many ways, our mission echoes that of the Salem Public Library in our desire to transform the lives of generations of children by the work that we do.

We understand, however, that the Loucks Auditorium is not earthquake compliant. An engineering study that the City commissioned in 2014 concluded that in the event of a major earthquake, the lives of auditorium performers and audiences would be at serious risk.\*

Thankfully, our City Council has put Measure 24-423 on the November 7th ballot to address this issue. They ask that the community step up to fund repairs and improvements to Loucks Auditorium, as well as the rest of the library and parking structure, to satisfy safety standards.

As an important partner in serving Salem’s children and families, Children’s Educational Theater encourages you to support Measure 24-423 so that we can all be assured that the library remains a valued cultural partner and a viable resource for our community.

Robert Salberg, Executive Director  
Children’s Educational Theatre

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**Measure No. 24-423**  
**City of Salem**

**Argument in Favor:**

**Gerry Frank Endorses Measure 24-423**

Libraries are the heart of the community, and Salem has a wonderful one. They provide the essential services to help people, neighborhoods and our economy thrive. Here, every day, people are able to take advantage of the resources that are open to everyone from internet access, books, newspapers, magazines all the way to homework help, computer classes, language programs and more. For the folks that are unable to attend college or just lack the resources, the library makes it possible to grow, learn and even start your own business.

As one of the founders and members of the Salem Public Library Foundation, I have always seen the importance and need to improve library offerings as well as the facility, so they can in turn build new partnerships and better serve our community needs. Therefore, I endorse Measure 24-423 and I encourage you all to do the same. The passing of this bond measure will mean much more than extending the life of the library, but it will also mean better protecting the lives of others in case of a natural disaster.

Please join me in voting YES for Measure 24-423, so that we can support the library that has helped support our community all of these years.

Gerry Frank

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**Measure No. 24-423**  
**City of Salem**

**Argument in Favor:**

City of Salem AFSCME Local 2067 Encourages You to Vote YES to Renew Our Library

AFSCME Local 2067 is proud to be the largest labor union at the City of Salem. Dozens of our members work daily in the Salem Public Library and hundreds of our members' families use the Salem Library regularly.

Safety is a priority for all of us and voting YES on Measure 24-423 will not only help keep library staff and community patrons safe, it will help safeguard the library that we all treasure.

In 2014, the City of Salem commissioned an engineering study that concluded our library is vulnerable to earthquakes.\* On any given day, up to 1,600 children, adults and seniors visit the Salem Library in addition to dozens of library staff and dedicated volunteers. We cannot continue to put their lives at risk and need to act now for a safe library.

Please join the City of Salem Union members and vote YES on Measure 24-423 in the upcoming November 7th Special Election.

Richard Swyers  
Executive Board, City of Salem AFSCME Local 2067

\*Source: "Evaluation Report, City of Salem Central Public Library" BergerABAM, February 14, 2014

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AFSCME Local 2067)*

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**Measure No. 24-425**  
**City of Stayton**

*Referred to the People by the City Council*

**Measure adopting a revised Charter for the City of Stayton.**

**Question:** Shall the proposed 2018 City of Stayton Charter be adopted?

**Summary:** If this measure is adopted, it would provide a new Charter for the City of Stayton. A charter is the fundamental document governing how a city government operates. It is comparable to a constitution. This Charter proposes replacement of the Stayton Charter of 2010 with the 2018 City of Stayton Charter. The proposed new Charter would retain many of the same basic provisions as the current Charter, including the number of council members but does modify the terms of office for the mayor and councilors to four year terms. The proposed Charter would require that annexations over three acres not required by state law must be approved by city voters before the annexations take effect. If approved, the new Charter would take effect January 1, 2018. The Charter may only be amended by a vote of the people.

**Measure No. 24-425**  
**City of Stayton**

**Explanatory Statement:**

Approval of this measure would adopt the 2018 Charter for the City of Stayton effective January 1, 2018. The 2018 Charter would replace the existing Charter approved by Stayton voters in 2010. A charter review committee comprised of the Mayor, one Council member and several citizen members reviewed the current Charter and made recommendations to the City Council.

The Oregon Constitution gives voters the right to adopt a home rule municipal charter which establishes the form of government, grants authority to the Mayor and Council, and sets forth the basic duties and legal obligations for City officials. The Council periodically reviews the Charter and recommends it be updated. The proposed 2018 Charter would keep many of the same basic elements as the current Charter, such as the number of Council members.

The proposed 2018 Charter restatement includes the following changes:

- Require voter approval of annexations over three acres, unless the annexation was required to comply with state law.
- Council members are solely elected from the city at large, removing the option to set wards with boundaries by ordinance.
- Mayor and councilor terms have been increased. The position of Mayor will hold a four-year term, rather than a two-year term. All council positions will be elected to four-year terms. Currently, the two top ranking votes receive four-year terms, and the third receives a two-year term.
- The Mayor may not serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.
- Removal of requirement that petitioners collect at least 10 signatures in order to run for office.
- The City Administrator's job title will be changed to City Manager.

A complete copy of the 2018 City of Stayton Charter may be obtained via our website at [www.staytonoregon.gov](http://www.staytonoregon.gov); by contacting the Elections Official at [aangelo@ci.stayton.or.us](mailto:aangelo@ci.stayton.or.us); at City Hall, 362 N. Third Avenue, Stayton, OR 97383; or by calling (503) 769-3425.

Keith D. Campbell, City Administrator  
City of Stayton

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**No arguments were submitted in favor or in opposition to Measure 24-425**



**Measure No. 24-426  
North Marion School District #15**

*Referred to the People by the District Board*

**Bonds to Upgrade and Expand School Facilities, Improve Safety**

**Question:** Shall North Marion School District issue \$42,200,000 in bonds to upgrade, expand and remodel facilities and receive \$4,000,000 state grant? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Summary:** The District has been awarded a \$4,000,000 state grant provided that these bonds are approved. If this measure is approved, bonds and grant funds are expected to fund:

- Phase 1 High School Rebuild and improvements for the Vocational and Technical Education Programs
- Improved Safety and Security Campus-Wide and Technology Improvements
- Reinvestments in current building assets including, but not limited to heating/ventilation, roofs and parking lots
- Improved traffic flow projects
- Repayment of loan for Primary School roof
- Improved grounds and athletic facilities
- Site improvements, demolition, furnishing and equipment and fees associated with bond issuance costs.

The District would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure bond proceeds are used for purposes indicated.

Bonds would mature in not to exceed 31 years from issuance. The estimated tax rate is \$1.86 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates and/or assessed value.

**Explanatory Statement:**

North Marion School District is seeking a \$42.2 million bond measure to renovate, construct, and modernize existing facilities and District property. The District has been awarded a \$4,000,000 state grant if voters approve the bonds; if voters do not approve, these funds will be diverted to another District. An oversight committee will meet regularly to track progress and report monthly to the School Board. This bond is expected to fund the following projects:

**Capital Repairs**

**Replace Roofs**

Primary School – Install metal roof (completed summer 2017, bond would repay loan for this work freeing up operating dollars).

Intermediate School – Remove failing roof and replace with built-up roof system.

Middle School - Remove and replace with metal roofing.

**Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning**

All schools require repair or complete replacement of old, non-working equipment.

**Measure No. 24-426  
North Marion School District #15**

**Explanatory Statement: (cont.)  
Parking and Improved Traffic Flow**

Re-align fire lanes, improve parking lot and traffic flow in various locations for safety.

**Safety and Security**

At all schools: create controlled entry areas; create line of sight for front office staff, add security system controls at prime entries, add camera systems, classroom locks and emergency communications systems.

**Vocational Education (Career and Technical)**

Renovate vocational technical education facilities.

**High School – 2-Story Replacement and Modernization**

New 2-story wing to replace two small, aged academic wings. This will include science labs, library, business labs, and front office. This will also increase number of classrooms.

**Track Improvements**

Remove old surface, repair grading, install drainage, resurface track.

**High School Gym 1 Seismic and Upgrades**

The District received a state grant of \$1.4 Million to bring the oldest gym to seismic code which includes structural improvements, replacing roof and floor, mechanical systems, lighting and bleachers, new paint and finishes. The total cost for the upgrade is approximately \$2.0 million, with bond providing approximately \$600,000.

**High School Basement Upgrades (Locker and Weight Rooms)**

Renovate to include finishes, fixtures and mechanical systems.

**Renovate Middle School Locker Rooms**

Expand, update and reconfigure spaces.

**Restroom Additions and Remodel (PS, IS, MS)**

Add restrooms and refurbish existing ones.

**Outdoor Play Areas (Primary and Intermediate)**

Build two covered play areas and reconfigure playgrounds.

**Central Kitchen Equipment Upgrades**

Replace existing walk-in freezer. Repair existing walk-in cooler.

**Middle School Enclosure of Front Courtyard**

Enclose area for safety and security.

**Exterior Finish to Protect Public Investment**

Primary - repaint siding and redo window sealants.

Intermediate – Replace exterior doors, frames and hardware.

High – Replace siding on gymnasiums 1 and 2. Replace windows in remaining academic wing.

**What would the bond cost?**

This bond measure would cost the property taxpayer an estimated \$1.86 per \$1,000 assessed property value. For a home within the North Marion School District area with an assessed value of \$100,000, the annual property tax is estimated to increase by \$48 over the amount paid on the current bond which is set to expire June 2018.

Ginger S. Redlinger, Superintendent  
North Marion School District

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**No arguments were submitted in opposition  
to Measure 24-426**

**Measure No. 24-426**  
**North Marion School District #15**

**Argument in Favor:**

**Vote “YES” for North Marion Students (24-426)**

North Marion High School was built in 1949. The newest building is 20 years old. Education for career paths today were only dreams back then. High school career readiness education has evolved over generations of technology development. Our student’s education must include the ability to teach these new technologies to give our next generation of workers the opportunity to succeed. We cannot allow our aging buildings to be the limitation of our children’s success.

The facilities committee made up of local parents, teachers, and administrators considered the status of our current buildings and created the plan for what our schools need. The plan highlights the most critical needs of our district to maintain a quality education for our children.

**Career Opportunities today were not Invented 20 Years Ago**

It has been 20 years since our last bond investment in our school buildings. This bond will create modern Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways. It will update our science and CTE classrooms to have the new technologies. It will allow new education methods to be available to our students, including online and collaborative learning with colleges and businesses.

**Students Deserve our Support**

The increase rate over the current bond is estimated at \$48 / \$100,000 annually. That is \$8/month for a \$200K tax assessed value home. The value of a supported school district increases the value of the community as well as gives our students success with being career ready. Added classroom space and improved environment allow our students to focus on their future careers.

**Please join our school board in supporting education in our community by voting “YES” for our kids.**

**North Marion School Board**

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North Marion School Board)*

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**Measure No. 24-426**  
**North Marion School District #15**

**Argument in Favor:**

North Marion students and schools need our help. Oregon does not provide money for districts to build or renovate schools. That money needs to come from bonds that are passed by the community. It’s time to re-invest in our kids. The bulk of this bond will go into the high school, a 60 year-old building that desperately needs renovation. In addition, vital maintenance issues at all schools will be addressed as well as important improvements to safety and traffic flow.

Communities that recognize and invest in their children’s education and growth reap huge rewards. Those rewards can be seen in increased property values, opportunities for college, and career and technical jobs.

Great things are happening at North Marion. We are so proud of our kids and the great strides that are being made educationally, athletically and as a culturally diverse community. However, having to take a test in a classroom that’s too hot and is over-crowded can be challenging. Trying to find recess options for young students in inclement weather can be difficult. Dropping off a student in the car lane on a busy school morning can be tricky. School staff do a great job with what they have, but all these issues could be addressed by passing this bond.

The time is now! Our kids’ futures are too important. Passage of this bond can result in a great return on our investment. Please support this measure and say “YES” for our children and our community.

*(This information furnished by Heidi Johnson, North Marion  
Parents)*

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**Measure No. 24-426**  
**North Marion School District #15**

**Argument in Favor:**

**Vote “YES” for Great Schools**  
**North Marion 24-426**

**Great Schools = Great Community = Strong Economy**

Schools are the foundation of a community’s future. Great schools prove the community’s commitment to the future. By investing in our schools, we create a region where businesses can rely on great leaders for the future. Creating career ready students in today’s technology based economy ensures that businesses will always find a great home here in the North Marion community.

**Great Schools Create Community Value**

Great schools are the foundation for great communities. They draw families and businesses to our area, improving the value of our region. As our local businesses grow, they need young adults educated in the modern skills in today’s developing economy. Great schools give young students hope as they learn career skills that are relevant to new technology. Students need to know they are prepared for their future.

**Great Environment is needed for Quality Education**

Old buildings should not be the cause of limiting our student’s success. The increase rate over the current bond is estimated at \$48 / \$100,000 annually. The facilities committee consisting of local parents, district teachers and leaders, and local businesses determined that these upgrades are the most critical for our buildings. They include more classrooms, safety upgrades, environmental upgrades, and career readiness (CTE) improvements. All students in every building will benefit from this bond.

**Great Graduates = Great Employees**

Many of our local businesses are growing and need new employees with a strong foundation in today’s modern technology. As our technology sectors head towards a large retirement wave (silver tsunami), now is the time to deliver young educated adults to learn from the experience and knowledge of our most experienced members of our community.

**Please join the Mayors of North Marion in supporting education by voting “YES” for our kids.**

**North Marion Mayors**

Bill Graupp - Aurora  
Thia Estes - Hubbard  
Rick Olmsted - Donald

*(This information furnished by Bill Graupp,  
North Marion Mayors)*

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**Measure No. 24-426**  
**North Marion School District #15**

**Argument in Favor:**

The North Marion School district facilities are one of the only locations available where the youth (PreK through 8th grade) have an opportunity to participate in healthy athletic play. The youth sports is an extremely important organized extra-curricular program that offers the youth exercise, leadership, teamwork and interpersonal skills. It is important that the program has fields that are safe for the kids to play on, space to expand and include more children, and the ability to have parking. The proposed bond will increase parking and improve the overall maintenance and facilities on the school grounds. The bond also increases field space in order to accomodate more programs. Countless families will benefit from their children continuing to have healthy extra-curricular options. In addition, the improvement of the school grounds increases the opportunities for the youth athletics program to have community fund raisers, such as an additional ball field that could be used for tournaments. These fund raisers can bring in thousands of dollars that can then be reinvested in the school grounds and maintenance. The bond not only improves the academic and safety experience for the district’s students, but also their overall health and well being.

*(This information furnished by Kristi Van Vleck,  
North Marion Youth Athletics)*

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**Measure No. 24-427**  
**City of St. Paul**

*Referred to the People by the City Council*

**Renewal of Current Three-Year Local Option Tax for City Operations**

**Question:** Shall City continue imposing current \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes for additional three years beginning 2018-2019? This measure renews current local option taxes.

**Summary:** The City of St. Paul is annually required to address a variety of important issues including land use planning, housing development, and resource protection. Currently, one full-time employee, limited consultant assistance, and volunteer citizen efforts are addressing these issues.

The City of St. Paul's permanent tax rate provides revenue to the City of approximately \$22,836 a year, which is not adequate to fund the necessary and required functions of the City, including:

- Street lighting
- Police protection
- Land use planning
- Housing development
- Resource protection
- Budget and financial management
- Insurance
- General administration
- Professional services: auditing, legal, engineering and planning

The requested rate will raise approximately \$55,632 in fiscal year 2018-2019, \$60,958 in 2019-20, and \$62,787 in 2020-21.

This measure is subject to the limits of Section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution. The revenue raised will be government purposes other than schools.

**Explanatory Statement:**

**What does the measure propose?**

This three (3) year local option tax would renew a current tax of \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed value which expires November 30, 2017. This local option tax would be in addition to the City's permanent tax rate of \$0.6157. This tax revenue would go into the city's General Fund.

**What is the General Fund?**

The General Fund pays for city expenditures not covered by the city's sewer, water, and street revenues which are dedicated funds. The General Fund covers such services as street lighting, police, land-use planning, housing development, budget and financial management, record keeping, insurance, administration, and professional services for auditing, legal, engineering and planning.

**Measure No. 24-427**  
**City of St. Paul**

**Explanatory Statement: (cont.)**

**Why is this additional General Fund Revenue for St. Paul proposed?**

The City currently receives funding from a permanent tax rate of \$0.6157 and temporary local option tax of \$1.50 to supplement the General Fund. The temporary local option tax expires November 30, 2017. Without additional tax revenue, the City must rely on the permanent tax rate to support services. Based on 2017-2018 budget information, tax revenue collected for General Fund purposes will be reduced to approximately \$22,836 unless another local option tax is approved by the voters.

The City is legally required to carry out General Fund functions relating to a variety of issues such as land-use planning, and development, budgeting and record keeping. These issues are currently being addressed by one full-time employee, limited consultant assistance, and citizen volunteer contributions. The local option tax is being proposed to maintain the current level of City services for three more years.

**How much tax revenue does St. Paul currently collect?**

The current property tax rate for the City of St. Paul is a combination of two separate taxes (permanent and local option) totaling approximately \$2.12 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If voters approve the proposed local option tax, the City's combined tax rate would continue at approximately this rate from November 1, 2018 to November 30, 2020

**What should citizens know about the requested local option tax?**

Under state law, the City cannot increase its permanent tax rate. It may ask voters to approve temporary tax measures. The revenues from the measure must be put into a designated fund and can only be used for the purpose stated in the measure. If this measure is approved, the City would collect the first year's revenue beginning in fiscal year 2018-19. If the local option tax is not approved, the City would only collect taxes at the permanent tax rate of \$0.6157 per \$1,000 of assessed value starting November 15, 2018.

The impact of the proposed levy on an individual homeowner would vary by the value of the home. At the proposed combined rate of \$2.12, property taxes on a \$250,000 home would be \$530 per year.

Lorrie Biggs, City Recorder  
City of St. Paul

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**No arguments were submitted in favor or in opposition to Measure 24-427**



# Scheduled Election Dates for 2018

**March 13, 2018**

**May 15, 2018**

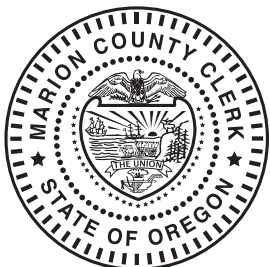
**September 18, 2018**

**November 6, 2018**

Interested in running for office or seeing who has filed for a county office? Visit our web-site at:

[www.co.marion.or.us/co/elections](http://www.co.marion.or.us/co/elections)

and click on the link to the **May 15, 2018 Primary Election**.  
The last day for County Candidates to file for the May 15, 2018 Primary Election is **March 6, 2018 at 5 PM**.



**Marion County Clerk**

Register to  
**vote!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Suite 2130**



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## Official Marion County Ballot Drop Sites

**The Marion County drop sites listed below will be open beginning October 18<sup>th</sup>.  
On Election Day, November 7<sup>th</sup>, drop sites will remain open until 8:00 PM.**

### Salem

<p><b>Marion County Clerk</b> 555 Court St NE, Ste 2130, Salem <i>Election Day, November 7<sup>th</sup></i></p>	<p><b>Mon - Fri</b> 8:30 AM - 5 PM 7 AM - 8 PM</p>	<p><b>Roth's Fresh Market - Hayesville</b> <b>Everyday</b> 4746 Portland Rd NE, Salem 6 AM - 10 PM</p>
<p><b>Marion County Health</b> 3180 Center St NE, Salem</p>	<p><b>Curbside Dropbox</b> 24 Hours</p>	<p><b>Marion County Public Works</b> <b>Curbside Dropbox</b> 5155 Silverton Rd NE, Salem 8 AM - 5 PM</p>
<p><b>Roth's Fresh Market - Vista</b> 3045 Commercial St SE, Salem</p>	<p><b>Everyday</b> 6 AM - 10 PM</p>	<p><b>DMV - Sunnyslope Shopping Center</b> <b>Mon - Fri*</b> 4555 Liberty Rd S, Ste 300, Salem 8 AM - 5 PM <b>*Wed: 9 AM - 5 PM</b></p>

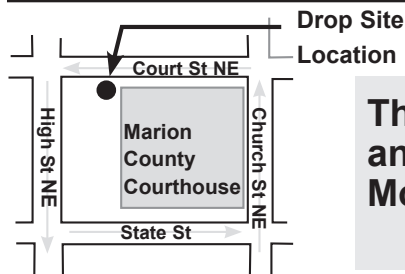
### North & Central County

<p><b>Donald City Hall</b> 10710 Main St NE, Donald</p>	<p><b>Mon - Thur</b> 8 AM - 4 PM <b>Fri: 8 AM - Noon</b></p>	<p><b>Silverton Lewis St. Parking Lot</b> <b>Curbside Dropbox</b> Lewis St &amp; S 1<sup>st</sup> St, Silverton 24 Hours</p>
<p><b>Hubbard City Hall</b> 3720 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Hubbard</p>	<p><b>Mon - Thur</b> 7 AM - 5:30 PM <i>Closed Fridays</i></p>	<p><b>U.S. Bank - St. Paul</b> <b>Mon-Wed: 12 PM - 4 PM</b> 20259 Main St NE, St. Paul <b>Thur &amp; Fri: 12 PM - 6 PM</b></p>

### South East County

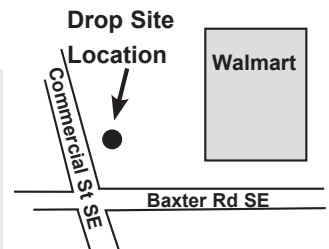
<p><b>Stayton Public Library</b> 515 N First St, Stayton</p>	<p><b>Mon - Thur: 10 AM - 7 PM</b> <b>Fri: 10 AM - 5:30 PM</b> <b>Sat: 10 AM - 4 PM</b></p>
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**You *DO NOT* need to apply postage if you use an Official Marion County Drop Box.  
Ballots for Marion County voters will only be issued from the Clerk's Office,  
555 Court St NE, Suite 2130 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), Salem.**



**Marion County Courthouse**  
500 Block Court Street NE, north side of the Courthouse  
Salem

**These two Marion County Drive-Thru  
and Park & Drop sites will only be open  
Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday,  
November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 AM to 8 PM.**



**Walmart Parking Lot**  
5250 Commercial St SE  
Salem



The Marion County Clerk is offering a program to voters in Marion County that allows them to track the status of their ballot through automated notifications.

Participating voters have the option of receiving text, email, or voice alerts at several points on their ballot's journey.

If you have any questions about this service, please call the Marion County Clerk's Office at 503-588-5041.

**Sign up today to begin receiving messages:** <https://marioncountyclerk.i3ballot.net/voter/login#/>



Official Marion County Curbside Ballot Drop Sites

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The drop boxes will remain open during their posted hours until 8 PM, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

City of Silverton  
Lewis St. Parking Lot  
208 Lewis St  
Silverton

**Open 24 Hours**

Marion County Public Works  
5155 Silverton Rd NE  
Salem

**Open Mon-Fri 8 AM - 5 PM**

Marion County Health Building  
3180 Center St NE  
Salem

**Open 24 Hours**

*Remember to...  
Sign  
Your  
Ballot  
Envelope!*

**SIGN HERE**

VOTER'S STATEMENT

BY SIGNING I CERTIFY THAT:

- I am the person to whom this ballot was issued;
- I am legally qualified to vote in the county that issued this ballot;
- I voted my ballot and (did not unnecessarily show it to anyone);
- This is the only ballot I have voted this election;
- I still live where I am registered to vote at:  
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE

*George Washington*

Signature of Voter GEORGE WASHINGTON

# Oregon Voter Registration Card

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you may use this form to:

- **register to vote**
- **update your information**

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- 1 Print with a black or blue pen to complete the form.**
  - 2 Sign the form.**
  - 3 Mail or drop off the form at your County Elections Office.**

Your County Elections Office will mail you a Voter Notification Card to confirm your registration.

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 **oregonvotes.gov**

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*se habla español*

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qualifications

Are you a citizen of the United States of America?  yes  no

Are you at least 17 years of age?  yes  no

If you mark no in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.

personal information \*required information

last name\* first\* middle

Oregon residence address (include apt. or space number)\* city\* zip code\*

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phone email

mailing address (required if different than residence) city/state zip code

Oregon Driver's License/ID number

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I do not have a valid Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID. The last 4 digits of my Social Security Number (SSN) are:

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I do not have a valid Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID or a SSN. I have attached a copy of acceptable identification.

political party

Not a member of a party

Constitution

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Pacific Green

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

signature I swear or affirm that I am qualified to be an elector and I have told the truth on this registration.

sign here \_\_\_\_\_ date today \_\_\_\_\_

**!** If you sign this card and know it to be false, you can be fined up to \$125,000 and/or jailed for up to 5 years.

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## Special Election November 7, 2017

Marion County Clerk's Elections Phone Numbers:  
503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388



Save this guide to assist you in voting.

Ballots for the Election will be mailed to registered voters on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

In an election, every voice is equally  
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Voting is the great equalizer.

Maya Angelou